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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Occupational Therapy Practice
MEETING DATE AND TIME: November 1, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware
Conference Room A, Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mara Beth Schmittering, Professional Member, President
Karen Virion, Professional Member
Even Park, Public Member, Vice President

MEMBER ABSENT

Kelly Richardson, Professional Member
Angelita Mosley, Public Member, Secretary

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General
Mary Melvin, Administrative Specialist II
Nicole Williams, Administrative Specialist III

OTHERS PRESENT

Patricia Huerta
Amy Aungst
Jessica Garcia
Terry Farina
Jenna Kaufman
Emily Phillips
Melissa Wilax
Bradd Kirkes
Geisela Simmons
Julie Fedele
Alfred Rodriguez
Alice Erdly
Patricia Vilani
Lynette Perry
Ann Neal
Daniel Maffett
Dorian Nichols
Amber West

Tracey Tierney
Sally Dziak
Tyler Wilson
Kirstie Tyler

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Schmittinger called the meeting to order at 4:51 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from September 6, 2017 for approval. A motion was made by Ms. Schmittinger, seconded by Ms. Virion, to approve the minutes. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion of Continuing Education Requirements

The Board discussed a plan to clean-up continuing education requirements by researching neighboring states' continuing education requirements to form a more universal rule for licensees. Further discussion on the plan will occur at the January 9th 2017 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Schmittinger, seconded by Mr. Evans, to split the research on other state regulations amongst the Board members. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Signing of Final Orders from Hearing Officer Recommendations

The Board made a motion to move Jennifer Bowden, Aimee Scafaria-Pearson, and Joel Ferebee back to the review of recommendations list as items 5, 6 and 7 for further review of continuing education submitted by the licensees. The motion was made by Ms. Schmittinger, seconded by Ms. Virion. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The Board signed the final orders from the recommendations for the below list of licensees:

1. Jayne Jenkins
2. Jenna Baffone
3. Francis Ndira
4. Charles Nelson
5. Lynette Perry
6. Kavita Rao
7. Harsh Shende
8. Brett Foraker

NEW BUSINESS

Ratify Applications for Occupational Therapist/Occupational Therapy Assistant

A motion was made by Ms. Schmittinger, seconded by Ms. Virion, to ratify the approval of the following applications:

1. Alexandra Ruth (Occupational Therapist)
2. Lindsay Good (Occupational Therapist)
3. Christine Sison (Occupational Therapist)
4. Scarlett Adkins (Occupational Therapy Assistant)
5. Jessica Purkey (Occupational Therapist Assistant)
6. Maria Matias (Occupational Therapy Assistant)
7. Williams Johnson (Occupational Therapy Assistant)

8. Jessica Eichten (Occupational Therapy Assistant)
9. Rachel Del Vecchio (Occupational Therapy Assistant)
10. Ashley Desjardins (Occupational Therapy Assistant)
11. Donald Riordan (Occupational Therapy Assistant)
12. Lillian Gullede (Occupational Therapist)
13. Alexandra Woodard (Occupational Therapist)
14. Samantha Deluca (Occupational Therapist)
15. Amy Matias-Rodriguez (Occupational Therapy Assistant)
16. Jennifer Botto (Occupational Therapist)
17. Jenna Pavlotzky (Occupational Therapist)
18. Ashley Hastings (Occupational Therapy Assistant)
19. Kristin Booth (Occupational Therapy Assistant)
20. Macy Farrell (Occupational Therapist)
21. Amber Liedlich (Occupational Therapy Assistant)
22. Jillian Miller (Occupational Therapist)
23. Alicia Masloski (Occupational Therapist)
24. Samantha Crosby (Occupational Therapist)

By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review of Continuing Education Activities

A motion was made by Ms. Schmittinger, seconded by Mr. Parks, to approve the following continuing education activities as presented:

Denise Leathem

Dementia Care 2017: Caring for the Caregivers, 3 Hours

Krista Varkey

Sensory Smart Classrooms, 2 Hours

Effective Transition from E.I. Therapy to School Based Therapy, 1.5 Hours

Mary McName

Pediatric Special Interest Group, 1.5 Hours

Kristen Williams

Managing Dysphagia in the School, 7 Hours

Accelerated Care Plus Corp (ACP)-Lana Roe

Biophysical Agent Essentials, 5 Hours

Biophysical Agent Essentials- Electrotherapy, 2 Hours

Biophysical Agent Essentials-Shortwave Diathermy, 1.5 Hours

Biophysical Agent Essentials-Ultrasound, 2 Hours

Wendy Mears

ALD Training for Home Health Care, 2 Hours

By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Review and Consider Recommendation from Chief Hearing Officer

The Board reviewed the recommendations and moved to except the hearing officer's recommendations as written with the exception of Alice Erdly, which the Board approved an exemption for health conditions. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

1. Jennifer Kaufman

2. Eldon Roscoe, III
3. Geisela Simmons
4. Alice Erdly
5. Jennifer Bowden
6. Aimee Scafaria-Pearson
7. Joel Ferebee

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Schmittinger read the email from ACOTE regarding the OTA Education Level Mandate and explained the education changes and ACOTA's decision to hold the OTA mandate decision in abeyance. ACOTA also informed, in the meantime, individuals can formally submit comments to ACOTE regarding the changes.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Aunget asked the Board if grand-fathering would be implemented in the rules with the new ACOTE mandate.

Amber West asked the Board for clarification on Rule 1.0 Supervision/consultation requirements for Occupational Therapy Assistants.

Jennifer Kaufman asked the Board where she could find any proposed rules and regulation changes.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10th 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room A, 2nd floor, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Schmittinger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parks, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Melvin
Administrative Specialist II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal